# Exhibit 2

#### **DECLARATION OF KEVIN A. RAMES, ESQ.**

- I, Kevin A. Rames, Esq., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, being over the age of eighteen and competent to testify about the matters contained herein; hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:
  - 1. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an Affidavit signed by Denise Johannes, the Director of the Division of Corporations and Trademarks of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, which I received on May 20, 2021.
  - 2. Attached as Exhibit B is an email string commencing on May 10, 2021 and ending on May 22, 2021, between the undersigned and Denise Johannes, the Director of the Division of Corporations and Trademarks of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States which ends with a statement from Ms. Johannes concerning the Resident Agent of U&W Industrial Supply, Inc. Cosmogony II, Inc.

This Declaration is executed by me in my personal capacity on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, on June 3, 2021.

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Kevin A. Rames, Esq.

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### Exhibit A



#### THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR **DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS AND TRADEMARKS**

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TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN )

#### <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

SS:

Personally, appeared before me, DENISE JOHANNES who first after being duly sworn, deposed, and say:

- 1. That I am the Director of the Division of Corporation and Trademarks of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and I am the custodian in charge of the corporate records filed with the Government of the Virgin Islands.
- 2. That after a careful search of the corporate records, it was determined that the domestic corporation, U & W INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC., filed articles of incorporation with the office on November 16, 1978, and a certificate of incorporation was on February 6, 1979.
- 3. That the domestic corporation, U & W INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC., filed an agreement and plan of merger with the office on March 19, 1998, merging General Engineering Corporation within and into it, and a certificate of merger was issued on June 4, 1998.
- 4. That the domestic corporation, U & W INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC., filed an amendment to the articles of incorporation on December 29, 1999, and a certificate of amendment evidencing the name change to COSMOGONY II, INC. was issued on December 30, 1999.
- 5. That the domestic corporation, COSMOGONY II, INC., failed to pay the franchise tax for the due dates - June 30, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- That the domestic corporation, COSMOGONY II, INC., failed to file the franchise tax 6. and annual reports for due dates - June 30, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- 7. That the domestic corporation, COSMOGONY II, INC., failed to file true and exact balance sheet and income statement as of December 31, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

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- 8. That the domestic corporation, COSMOGONY II, INC., is not considered to be in good standing with the applicable sections of the Virgin Islands Code.
- 9. The domestic corporation, COSMOGONY II, INC., has not submitted consent of the shareholders and directors for its dissolution.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Denise Johannes

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20 day of MAY

A.D. 2021 .

Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC

Name: Gati Dunet-Joseph My Commission Exp. At the pleasure

Lieutenant Governor
51 TRHIMAN/St. Juhn, USVI District

## Exhibit B

From: Denise Johannes

To: Kevin Rames; Laura Bedminster; Shail Bazil; Francine J. Roberts

Cc: "Montecuollo, Peter R. (SHB)"; "Wu, Gregory (SHB)"

Subject: RE: U&W Industrial Supply, Inc. and Cosmogony II, Inc.

**Date:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 3:46:08 PM

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#### Good day Attorney Rames:

We confirm receipt of your email. Per the articles of incorporation that were submitted on November 16, 1978, the resident agent is Joe Kramer of 7B Peter's Rest, Christiansted, VI 00820. Per the certificate of revival that was submitted on October 5, 1987, the resident agent is Glenn Knorr of 55 Mary's fancy, Christiansted, VI 00820. There are no resident agent consents forms on file with the division. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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Director, Division of Corporation and Trademarks Office of the Lieutenant Governor 5049 Kongens Gade St. Thomas, VI 00802-6487 Tel.: (340) 774-2991

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Subject: RE: U&W Industrial Supply, Inc. and Cosmogony II, Inc.

#### Ms. Johannes:

The Affidavit that you prepared is quite helpful for its intended purpose. Further to my call to your office earlier this afternoon, please advise as to the identity of the **Resident Agent** for U&W Industrial Supply, Inc. - Cosmogony II, Inc.

Thank you.

Kevin

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Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:00 PM

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Subject: U&W Industrial Supply, Inc. and Cosmogony II, Inc.

#### Ms. Johannes:

I have meetings tomorrow which will implicate the U&W Industrial Supply, Inc. and Cosmogony II, Inc. Affidavits. It would be quite helpful to me to have them today.

#### Kevin

**From:** Denise Johannes [mailto:denise.johannes@lgo.vi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:48 PM

To: Kevin Rames

Cc: Laura Bedminster; Shail Bazil; Francine J. Roberts

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#### Denise:

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#### Kevin

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Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:44 PM

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The Division of Corporations and Trademarks launched its online system, Catalyst, on August 31, 2018. Business entity creation, annual reports, certificate of fact and good standing, change to principals, resident agent, principal office, amendments, mergers, and dissolution filings are submitted electronically along with payment on the Division's online system – Catalyst. Similarly, the trade name registrations, biennial renewals, and cancellations including payment are available electronically in the same online system. Visit

www.corporationsandtrademarks.vi.gov to access the Catalyst system. Instructions are available on the office's website – www.ltg.gov.vi - 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week.

#### **UCC Online Services Available**

Lieutenant Governor Roach announced on May 22, 2019 that UCC filings may now be submitted online in the Division of Corporations and Trademarks Catalyst system. Most importantly, payment shall be submitted electronically.

#### Paper Filina Submissions

Exempt Limited Liability Companies and trademarks shall continue to submit paper filings to the division's offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix for processing.

#### **Holidays**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 – Virgin Islands Transfer Day Thursday, April 1, 2021 – Holy Thursday Friday, April 2, 2021 – Good Friday Monday, April 5, 2021 – Easter Monday Monday, May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day

For further assistance, please contact the division. OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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Good morning!

I need a Statement from the Division of Corporations for use in a pending federal court proceeding concerning whether the companies **U&W Industrial Supply, Inc.** (not U&W Indistrial Supply LLC) and **Cosmogony II, Inc.** are incorporated in the U.S. Virgin Islands or are qualified to do business in the Virgin Islands.

Please advise what I need to do to get such a Statement from the Division. Thank you.

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